

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Black History Month 2019 EVENTS



Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Faculty Speaker Series
Black Nightingales: Past, Present, and Future | Kwanza Thomas

Sponsored by the VSU College of Nursing & Health Sciences

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
BAILEY SCIENCE CENTER AUDITORIUM 1011
Free and open to the public

Professor Thomas, Adjunct Professor in the College of Nursing, will highlight African American trailblazers in nursing and forecast the need for Black nurses in the future.

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Brave Space Episode 3

Sponsored by the VSU Office Student Diversity & Inclusion

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
STUDENT UNION THEATER

Brave Spaces is a dialogue format where participants are encouraged to speak their truth around divisive issues in a productive, mature way. Brave Spaces emphasizes courage, understanding, and active listening to broaden participants' understanding and capacity for awareness and intentional consciousness.

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Movie – "The Hate You Give"

Sponsored by the VSU Office of Student Diversity & Inclusion and CAB

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM
STUDENT UNION THEATER
Free and open to the public

Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds -- the poor, mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the wealthy, mostly white prep school that she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is soon shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer. Facing pressure from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and decide to stand up for what's right.

Monday, February 11, 2019

Documentary Screening & Panel Discussion – "Agents of Change"

Sponsored by the VSU African American Studies Program

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
STUDENT UNION THEATER
Free and open to the public

From the well-publicized events at San Francisco State in 1968 to the image of black students with guns emerging from the takeover of the student union at Cornell University in April 1969, the struggle for a more relevant and meaningful education, including demands for Black and ethnic studies programs, became a clarion call across the country in the late 1960s. Through the stories of these young men and women who were at the forefront of these efforts, "Agents of Change" examines the untold story of the racial conditions on college campuses and in the country that led to these protests. The film's characters were caught at the crossroads of the civil rights, black power, and anti-Vietnam war movements at a pivotal time in America's history. Today, more than 45 years later, many of the same demands are surfacing in campus protests across the country, revealing how much work remains to be done. Who is sitting on the panel? Needs names and titles.

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Faculty Speaker Series
Posthuman Blackness: Unmaking the Black Body in Kindred and its Graphic Novel Adaptation

Department of English | Nicholas E. Miller

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
BAILEY SCIENCE CENTER AUDITORIUM 1011
Free and open to the public

In this presentation, Professor Nicholas Miller draws on posthumanist theory and Afrofuturist scholarship to situate Octavia Butler's novel Kindred and its graphic novel adaptation within more extensive conversations about her oeuvre and posthumanist studies more broadly. Ultimately, he argues that the graphic novel adaptation takes the abstraction of blackness in Middle Passage narratives and renders it concrete—making the historical trauma of chattel slavery tangible through the literal and visible unmaking of Dana Franklin's body.

Friday, February 15, 2019

Lecture – "From Africa to America: The Gullah Geechee Presence in Georgia" by collector Willis Hakim Jones

Sponsored by the VSU African American Studies Program and Georgia Humanities

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Odum Library

Free and open to the public

The Valdosta State University African American Studies Program will host Hakim Jones and his collection of artifacts documenting the history and culture of the Gullah-Geechee people of Georgia and South Carolina. Located along the Sea Islands in Coastal Georgia, the Gullah-Geechee people are renowned for their retention of West African language patterns and folkways.

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Faculty Speaker Series
"The Biology of Human Skin Color"

Sponsored by the VSU College of Science & Mathematics | John Elder & Leslie S. Jones

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Bailey Science Center Auditorium 1011

Free and open to the public

Professors Elder and Jones examine the ways that natural selection shaped the pigmentation of indigenous people across the globe and how modern science is unraveling the spectrum of complexions seen today.

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

FACTUALITY – THE GAME

Sponsored by the VSU Office of Student Diversity & Inclusion and the Office of Social Equity

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
STUDENT UNION BALLROOM A
Free for VSU university community; Registration is required

FACTUALITY is played with eight characters that belong to the following racial groups: Asian, Caucasian, African American, and Latinx. There are male and female characters, LGBTQ characters, and Muslim and Jewish characters. Each character navigates a game board, encountering a series of fact-based advantages and limitations based on the intersection of their race, gender, sexual orientation, faith, and class. Participants are engaged in a facilitated conversation regarding their intersectionality.

Monday, February 25, 2019

Panel Discussion – "Work It: Surviving and Thriving in Higher Education and Professional Service"

Sponsored by the VSU Office of Human Resources and Office of Career Opportunities

11:45 AM to 1:00 PM
Free and open to the public

A panel of seven African American professionals in varying roles at VSU will share stories about their career paths, successes, failures, and opportunities and where it all has taken them. Attendees will have an opportunity to socialize with the panelists and speak with them one-on-one.

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Faculty Speaker Series
"Traditional African Art as the Visual Link to Religion & Culture"

Sponsored by the VSU College of Art & Design | Ray Noll

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
BAILEY SCIENCE CENTER AUDITORIUM 1011
Free and open to the public

Professor Noll will explore the art of the Ashanti in Ghana and the Yoruba in Nigeria and how it has changed and spread globally.

Friday, March 1, 2019

"My Life with Rosie" with filmmaker Angela Sadler Williamson

Sponsored by the South Georgia Film Festival (www.southgeorgiafilm.com)

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
VSU STUDENT UNION THEATER
Open to the public; free for high school and college students with valid ID

Embark upon this amazing journey through the life of America's beloved heroine, Rosa Parks, as her family introduces a side of Parks few people knew. Her cousin, personal caretaker, and assistant, Carolyn Williamson Green, and Parks' researcher, Dr. Jeanne Theoharis, provide a glimpse behind the stoic icon who was indeed a rebel against discrimination not only in the South but also in the North. Follow Green's passion as she keeps her cousin's memory alive through a lifetime of public service in the city of Detroit.

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